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Office Action Summary	Application No. 09/616,652	Applicant(s) SASAKI ET AL.	
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Period for Reply

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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 04/07/2006.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 44-57 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 44-57 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☒ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☒ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☒ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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| 1) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892) | 4) <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413)
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DETAILED ACTION

1. This office action is in response to Applicant's RCE filed on 04/07/2006.
2. Claims 44-57 are pending.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

3. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.

4. Claims 44-57 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102 (b) as being anticipated by Rosen (U.S. pat. No. 5,621,797).

As per claims 44-47 Rosen discloses an electronic ticket presentation, comprising:

An electronic ticket linked to an added value online information service for receiving necessary permission, a commodity, the electronic ticket linked to the added value

online information service comprising a data retaining section for storing information including: first authentication information (first authentication or secret key or private

key) for authentication processing of the electronic ticket with a gate terminal,

identification information of an information server providing the online information

service to an apparatus holding the electronic ticket, and second authentication

information for authenticating (second authentication or digital signature or certificate) a

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communication between the apparatus holding the electronic ticket and the information server see, Rosen, figs 8 and 27, col 13, lines 54-67, col 15-col 20. Please note that the first authentication is readable a secret key or a private key and the second authentication is readable as a digital signature or digital certificate.

As per claims 48-57 Rosen discloses an electronic ticket presentation, comprising:

Communication means for for communicating with the apparatus, a ticket issuing database for generating electronic ticket, and a service server secret key for applying a digital signature to the electronic ticket, wherein the ticket issuing database is adapted to generate information including first authentication information for authentication processing of the electronic ticket with a gate terminal, identification information of an information server for providing the online information service to the apparatus holding the electronic ticket, and second authentication information for authenticating a communication between the apparatus holding the electronic ticket and the information server (see, Rosen, figs 8 and 27, col 13, lines 54-67, col 15-col 20). Please note that the first authentication is readable a secret key or a private key and the second authentication is readable as a digital signature or digital certificate.

Conclusion

5. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Pierre E. Elisca whose telephone number is 571 272 6706. The examiner can normally be reached on 6:30 to 5:00.

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If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, James Trammell can be reached on 571 272 6712. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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Primary Patent Examiner

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